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ms	AA	Re. 10,906	05/16/1854	Stoddard, W.			
	AB	979,461	12/27/1910	Gale			
	AC	1,398,203	11/22/1921	Schmidt, H.A.			
	AD	2,337,395	12/21/1943	Leland			
	AE	2,747,919	05/29/1956	Ferneau et al.			
	AF	2,837,751	06/10/1958	McCall			
	AG	2,913,300	11/17/1959	Darnell et al.			
	AH	2,956,289	10/18/1960	Sullivan			
	AI	3,036,314	05/29/1962	Wetzler, J.J.			
	AJ	3,039,119	06/19/1962	Bourgraf et al.			
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ms	AR	Hill-Rom, "A Hill-Rom Solution TotalCare® Bed System" brochure, 2000
ms	AS	Hill-Rom, TotalCare® Bed System Service Manual, pp. i through iii, pp. 1-18 through 1-69, pp. 3-44 through 3-51, pp. 4-11 through 4-16, pp. 4-80 through 4-81, and p. 6-5, November 1997-January 2002
ms	AT	Prentke Romich Company brochure entitled "Hospital Environmental Control System"

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	BC	3,281,141	10/25/1966	Smiley et al.			
	BD	3,319,270	05/16/1967	Greiner, O.			
	BE	3,353,193	11/21/1967	Greiner, O.			
	BF	3,406,772	10/22/1968	Ahrent et al.			
	BG	3,593,350	07/21/1971	Knight et al.			
	BH	3,821,821	07/02/1974	Burst et al.			
	BI	3,913,153	10/21/1975	Adams et al.			
	BJ	4,097,940	07/04/1978	Tekulve et al.			
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	BR	6/83 Prentke Romich Company brochure entitled "Hospital Environmental Control System (HECS)"
	BS	Prentke Romich Company Operator's Manual for HECS-2 Hospital Environmental Control System
	BT	Prentke Romich's Operational Guide for HECS-5 Hospital Environmental Control System

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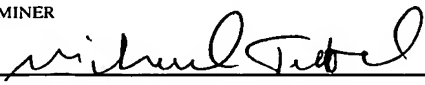
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	CD	4,222,131	09/16/1980	Holdt et al.			
	CE	4,227,269	10/14/1980	Johnston			
	CF	4,312,500	01/26/1982	Janssen, J.			
	CG	4,376,316	03/15/1983	Mercier et al.			
	CH	4,380,838	04/26/1983	Lutchansky			
	CI	4,409,695	10/18/1983	Johnston et al.			
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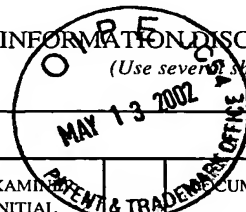
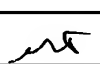
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ms	CR	Prentke Romich's Operational Guide for HECS-3 Hospital Environmental Control System
ms	CS	HECS-1 Hospital/Home Environmental Control System Operational Manual
ms	CT	Prentke Romich Company, Hospital/Home Environmental Control System Product Brochure

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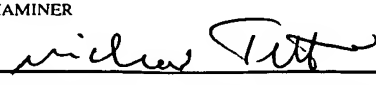
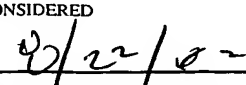
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	DB	4,559,655	12/24/1985	Peck, W.			
	DC	4,559,656	12/24/1985	Foster, L.D.			
	DD	4,572,573	02/25/1986	Yoshikawa et al.			
	DE	4,592,104	06/03/1986	Foster et al.			
	DF	4,604,022	08/05/1986	Bourgraf			
	DG	4,612,679	09/23/1986	Mitchell			
	DH	4,637,652	01/20/1987	Bergenwall			
	DI	4,638,313	01/20/1987	Sherwood Jr. et al.			
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	EB	4,751,754	06/21/1988	Bailey et al.			
	EC	4,800,384	01/24/1989	Snijders			
	ED	4,847,929	07/18/1989	Pupovic			
	EE	4,862,529	09/05/1989	Peck			
	EF	4,894,876	01/23/1990	Fenwick			
	EG	4,937,900	07/03/1990	Bridges			
	EH	4,944,055	07/31/1990	Shainfeld			
	EI	5,072,463	12/17/1991	Willis			
	EJ	5,181,762	01/26/1993	Beumer			
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	FC	5,279,010	01/18/1994	Ferrand et al.			
	FD	5,283,781	02/01/1994	Buda et al.			
	FE	5,291,399	03/01/1994	Chaco			
	FF	5,335,313	08/02/1994	Douglas			
	FG	5,345,226	09/06/1994	Rice, Jr. et al.			
	FH	5,361,755	11/08/1994	Schraag et al.			
	FI	5,398,357	03/21/1995	Foster			
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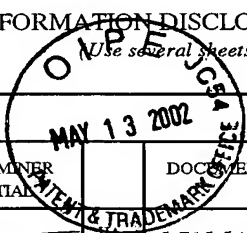

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	GD	5,542,138	08/06/1996	Williams et al.			
	GE	5,577,279	11/26/1996	Foster et al.			
	GF	5,588,167	12/13/1996	Pahno et al.			
	GG	5,592,153	01/07/1997	Welling			
	GH	5,600,311	02/04/1997	Rice et al.			
	GI	5,630,238	05/20/1997	Weismiller et al.			
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	HC	5,771,511	06/30/1998	Kummer et al.			
	HD	5,790,997	08/11/1998	Ruehl			
	HE	5,838,223	11/17/1998	Gallant et al.			
	HF	6,147,592	11/14/2000	Ulrich et al.			
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